IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 44, line 8 as follows:

Polymerization was carried out in the same manner as in Example 2, except for using 37 mmoles of 5-(methyldiethoxysilyl)bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-ene as a monomer in place of the ~~5-trimethoxysilylbicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-ene~~ 5-triethoxysilylbicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-ene, to obtain a copolymer F in a conversion of 52%.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 45, line 6 as follows:

Polymerization was carried out in the same manner as in Example 4, except for using ~~78 g of toluene, 168 g of cyclohexane, and 164 g of methylene chloride as solvents and~~ 1,020 mmoles of bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-ene, 190 mmoles of endo-tricyclo[5.2.1.$0^{2,6}$]deca-3,8-diene, and 40 mmoles of 5-triethoxysilylbicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-ene as monomers, to obtain a copolymer G in a conversion of 92%. In the copolymer G, a proportion of the structural unit derived from endo-tricyclo[5.2.1.$0^{2,6}$]deca-3,8-diene as determined from the ^{1}H-NMR spectrum was 15 mol%. A proportion of the structural unit derived from 5-triethoxysilylbicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-ene was 3.0 mol%. The copolymer G had a number average molecular weight of 72,000 and a weight average molecular weight of 143,000 as reduced into polystyrene, with an Mw/Mn ratio being 2.0.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 46, last line as follows:

Polymerization was carried out in the same manner as in Example 4, except for using 625 mmoles of bicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-ene, 587 mmoles of endo-tricyclo[6.2.1.$0^{2,7}$]undeca-3,9-diene (endo/oxo = 85/15), and 37 mmoles of 5-triethoxysilylbicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-ene as monomers ~~and 78 g of toluene, 168 g of cyclohexane, and 164 g of methylene chloride as solvents~~, to obtain a copolymer J in a conversion of 85%. In the copolymer J, a proportion of

the structural unit derived from endo-tricyclo[6.2.1.$0^{2,7}$]undeca-3,9-diene as determined from the ^{1}H-NMR spectrum was 33 mol%. A proportion of the structural unit derived from 5-triethoxysilylbicyclo[2.2.1]hept-2-ene was 3.0 mol%. The copolymer J had a number average molecular weight of 102,000 and a weight average molecular weight of 197,000 as reduced into polystyrene, with an Mw/Mn ratio being 1.9.

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

The specification has been amended by correcting a spelling error, i.e., "trimethoxy ..." to --triethoxy ...-- in the description of Example 6, as supported by Example 2. In addition, superfluous matter has been deleted from the description of the solvents in Examples 7 and 9, as supported by Example 4.

No new matter is believed to have been added by the above amendment. Claims 1-7 remain pending in the application.